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THE FRENCH TRAGEDY.

The recent tragic scenes in Paris have been so briefly reported by short cable telegrams that their scope and significance can only be fully understood after volumes of detailed description and comment have been written by correspondents and historians. Enough is known, however, to clearly indicate that even the sanguinary tragedies of the first French Revolution, which appalled the civilized world, have been surpassed in extent and cruelty. A writer who underrated, detested, and despised the French character has defined a Frenchman as half monkey and half tiger, and while this canistic sarcasm is false as applied to the whole French people, it scarcely exaggerates the mental and moral deficiencies of many of those who have exerted a commanding influence over recent events. Monkeys could not have been more volatile and thoughtless than those who inaugurated a sanguinary civil war under the guns of a foreign invader, and tigers could not be more cruel than those who have massacred hostages, burned down one-third of a great city, and wantonly murdered tens of thousands of their fellow-townsmen.

It was generally anticipated that some terrible display of the reckless courage for which Frenchmen have long been celebrated would be made at some point or in some manner before the difficulties originating with the outbreak of the war were finally terminated. But this demonstration was repeatedly postponed from week to week, and month to month, during the continuance of the contest with the Germans. The garrison of Paris failed to make any of the desperate and overwhelming sorties that had been expected. The generals who had all France as a recruiting ground could not organize an army capable of coping, at any point, with the German forces. And it is a curious sequel of the war between Germany and France, that the sanguinary part of the French fighting was reserved for an after-conflict, conducted under such conditions that every blow struck redounded to the interest of the invaders. The Thiers Government could not sustain itself and put down the Commune, except by the aid of the soldiers of the regular French army who were held as prisoners by the Germans, by the indirect assistance of the German garrisons of Parisian forts; and M. Thiers, to secure the speedy return of the French prisoners and the needed help in the immediate vicinity of Paris, was forced to make greater national concessions to Germany than would otherwise have been granted. Practically, therefore, the Frenchmen, in their civil war, have been fighting in the interests of their common foe, and their internecine struggle has enabled Bismarck to increase the harvest of German advantages.

Never before was a powerful nation so thoroughly subdued or so recklessly mismanaged. During a large portion of the century France has been the terror of Europe. Now she is as much an object of pity as was the smallest kingdom ever vanquished in past times by her relentless armies. She has been condemned, hitherto, as the disturber of the peace of the Continent; yet she is now so thoroughly prostrated that the depth of her humiliation teaches a most impressive lesson of the vanity and insecurity of presumed military dominance.

Aside from the lesson involved in the settlement of the international issues, the late domestic contest is pregnant with mournful meaning. The chief sufferer, Paris, while it is one of the greatest, has been one of the wickedest, of modern cities. There vice and folly have held high carnival. It has been the paradise of those addicted to every form of sensual indulgence, the grave of every virtue, and a fountain from which follies and dangerous false doctrines perpetually bubbled. The desperate factions who have struggled for ascendancy in Parisian politics have advocated, in turn, the wildest and the most sanguinary measures. And yet, amid all their vagaries, there have been occasional gleams of real advancement, and occasional developments of true regard for the welfare of mankind. While they have sinned, they have been most grievously punished. And, in summing up the French situation, perhaps the most hopeful view to be taken is that, as the people of the United States, in their late war, expiated a national sin by sufferings even more dreadful than those which Frenchmen have endured, so the losses and experiences of the Parisian struggle may be reckoned as full penalties for the past and as assurances for a peaceful, prosperous, and purified future.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

This Health Officer with the advent of summer puts forth his usual pronouncements, informing all good citizens what things must be done and what undone, in order that the health of Philadelphia may be preserved, and threatening all offenders with the full penalties of the law. This proclamation is well enough, for it is very proper that the people of this city should not only be informed of the existence of the Board of Health, but of the fact that it has the power as well as the disposition to adopt and enforce suitable sanitary regulations during the season when pestilence is most likely to make its appearance. It is to be hoped,

however, that all the energies of the board will not be expended upon paper, but that the proclamation of Mr. Addicks will be but a prelude to a vigorous campaign against the disease-breeding filth that abounds in nearly every section of the city. There is not a single thoroughfare in the corporate limits that is in a reasonably cleanly condition, while many of them are foul with the accumulated garbage of months; and with the present prospect of a prolonged and severe hot spell, which is likely to rival, if it does not surpass, that of last season, it is of the utmost importance that the officers who are entrusted with the preservation of the health of the city should do all in their power to make pestilence an impossibility. Last summer the Board of Health resolutely denied the existence of relapsing fever in the Bedford street district, and obstinately refused to take any active sanitary measures for preventing it from spreading to other sections of the city, until forced to do so by the voice of public opinion, and during the present season the mild spring weather has been allowed to pass by without any marked exhibitions of energy on the part of the board. A proclamation by the Health Officer is a very small step towards the performance of the work that is required to be done, but if it is followed up as it should be, the board will do itself more credit than it has done for some time past.

The Board of Health, however, cannot accomplish all that is desired if it does not have the active co-operation of all classes of citizens. It is the duty of every man and woman not only to avoid the commission of the positive acts calculated to endanger the health of the city, but to aid the Health Officers by every means in their power by keeping their houses and belongings in as cleanly a condition as possible, by refraining from fouling the street and gutters with garbage, and by yielding the scrubbing and whitewash brushes with a proper amount of energy. If every citizen, or if a large majority of citizens, will take a suitable amount of interest in this matter, and consider that there are individual as well as official responsibilities, there need be but little fear of pestilential diseases, for it is a well-ascertained fact that such diseases are in a vast majority of instances propagated by filth, and that cleanliness is the surest preventative that can be adopted. The prospects are all in favor of a prolonged and severe hot spell, and it is of the utmost importance that proper sanitary measures should be adopted at once and not delayed until some frightful disease has made its appearance in our midst.

VICTOR HUGO.

Poor old Victor Hugo is in exile again, the Belgians having expelled him from their borders as a public nuisance. His offense, it seems, was writing one of his characteristic letters, which the Belgian Government considered as likely to compromise it if he were not requested to seek some other place of residence, and accordingly the old gentleman who, like "neighbor Verges," always will be talking, will be obliged to transfer himself to some more congenial soil. Where he can go in Europe, unless to England, it is impossible to tell, for he will probably find that other continental governments will be as anxious to get rid of him as Belgium was. It is doubtful whether he will care to return to France at present, or that he would be allowed to remain if he did, and if he goes to England he will be obliged to live on the same soil with his despised enemy of the last twenty years, M. Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, on whom he has endeavored to confer an immortality of infamy under the title of Napoleon the Little. That Hugo will be able to breathe the same air as the exile of Chislehurst is scarcely to be believed, and we do not see what else he can do than to come to the United States, where his novels are read with interest, his plays performed with applause, and his pronouncements heartily laughed at.

Victor Hugo cannot compromise us by his letter-writing, and, safe under the wings of the American eagle, he can anatomize all the tyrants of the earth to his heart's content, and ventilate his peculiar views on political economy without let or hindrance. Here he can erect his universal republic on paper not only without interference but amid considerable applause, and it is not impossible that he may find a few disciples who will at least keep him in countenance and encourage him to believe that he is engaged in a great and good work. So by all means let him shake the dust of Europe off his feet and make America his home, for we have blatherskites of our own who can out-Hugo Hugo; and the country of George Francis Train can surely bear with equanimity the best or worst of the latter-day utterances of the illustrious Frenchman, who, despite the nonsense that has proceeded from his pen, has brains, even if they are a little addled. As "Dogberry" said of "neighbor Verges," so we can say of Victor Hugo:—"A good old man, sir; he will be talking; as they say, When the age is in the wit is out; God help us!"

WHO WILL RUN FOR MAYOR NOW?—Samuel G. King, Esq., of Select Council, who has long been regarded as the most formidable candidate for the Democratic nomination for Mayor, positively declines to take his chances for the position, and authoritatively withdraws from the canvass. This action on the part of Mr. King is very unfortunate for the city Democracy. He was about their only available man for the candidacy, and his withdrawal creates consternation in the ranks. His Honor Mayor Fox had previously declined to permit the use of his name in the canvass, but it looks as if he would be "dragged out" and forced into line at the head of the ticket. Mr. Fox's nomination against his expressed desires in the matter since he entered the political world, and perhaps he can stand a little more of the perplexities of politics.

OBITUARY. Henry D. Wenzler, Artist. The well-known Danish artist, Henry D. Wenzler, who for the last thirty years has been a resident of this city, died at the residence of his friend, Dr. Samuel W. Francis, at Newport, R. I., on Saturday afternoon last. Mr. Wenzler had considerable reputation as an artist. He originally devoted himself to miniature painting, in which he was unsurpassed, his work being remarkable for accurate drawing, high finish, and characteristic expression. He afterwards followed the department of portrait painting, in which he also attained great success. Lately he had taken up landscape work, and the production last upon his easel attracted great attention for the manner in which the different gradations of light were very accurately depicted.

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DIED. CUBBERLEY.—Sudden at Edgewater, N. J., on the 26th May, 1871, MARY C., beloved wife of D. P. Cubberley. The funeral service will take place at the residence of her husband on Friday morning, the 2d June, at 9 o'clock, and will leave Edgewater at 11 o'clock for Philadelphia, where the friends of the family will be provided with carriages on the arrival of the boat at Chesnut street wharf. To proceed to the Woodlands Cemetery. MURPHY.—On Wednesday, the 31st instant, J. ECKTON, M. D., son of John and Mary F. Mustin, aged 22 years. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his parents, No. 3069 Spruce street, on Saturday afternoon, June 3d, at 2 1/2 o'clock. PAXSON.—On First day, the 28th instant, WM. LASHBROOKE PAXSON, son of the late Richard and Elizabeth S. Paxson, in the 43d year of his age. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to his funeral, without further notice, from his late residence, in Bensalem township, Bucks county, Pa., on Fourth day, the 3d instant, at 11 o'clock. To proceed to Frankford. Carriages will be at Schenck's Station to meet the 9-30 train from Kensington.

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